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TO: All MA Ambulance Services

FROM: Jon Burstein, State EMS Medical Director
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RE: **Revised 12-Lead ECG Implementation Date**

In conjunction with the Advisory extending the deadline for implementation of the new Statewide Treatment Protocols, version 5.0, **to January 1, 2004**, OEMS is also extending the deadline for implementation of the new ALS required equipment list requirement for Paramedic-level services to have **12-lead ECG capability, to January 1, 2004**.

Paramedic-level services that have trained staff and are equipped to provide 12-lead ECG capability prior to January 1, 2004 may do so.

Starting January 1, 2004 all Paramedic-level ambulance services licensed in Massachusetts must comply with the 12-lead ECG capability requirement in the new ALS equipment list.

If you have any questions, contact OEMS Clinical Coordinator Tom Quail, RN, at (617) 284-8330.